

LEAF TOBACCO SALES ALL OVER TOBACCO STATES

Dry, Harsh Weather Cuts Down Receipts on All the Virginia Markets.

SUN-CURED AND DARK LOW Looking to Better Days—Buyers and Farmers Hopeful, but Nobody Knows What a Day May Bring Forth.

The November days, in which the loose-leaf tobacco business is supposed to get very lively on the Richmond market and all other Virginia markets, have proven deceptive this year. There has been a superabundance of dry, harsh, windy weather, and because of this, it has been next to impossible to get the leaf tobacco in handling order for the farmers to bring it to market. Up in the bright belt, where they have learned to take a running start on nature by digging in the dark and cold, and the sun-drying regions; and yet it is a fact that not all of the growers of the brights have made damp collars, and even up there the dry weather of the past few weeks has cut down the receipts of the raw leaf in the markets. Danville, South Boston, South Hill, Kenbridge, Albemarle, Clarksville, Chase City, and, in fact, all of the bright markets have been suffering right much because of the very unseasonable seasons. The result is that the receipts have been much smaller in the case of the market than buyers had looked for. However, the buyers are not very much disturbed, for the banks are still advising them to go a little slow until finances get in a little better condition.

SMALL DOINGS THERE WERE ON THE RICHMOND MARKET In Richmond, for reasons already set forth, the receipts of the leaf were rather small last week. The warehouses were opened up all right, and the sweet-tongued auctioneers were only too anxious to get busy, and the buyers were on hand to do the bidding right along, but the leaf came not—that is, not in large quantities. The total sales for the week were less than 200,000 pounds. The market was without animation, and it must be said that the prices obtained for the sun-cured weed was not eminently satisfactory to the farmers of Henrico, Louisa, and other counties.

Danville's Large Breaks. DANVILLE, Va., November 28.—Thursday being a holiday, there were no sales. The breaks, which have been large this week, have been mainly of wagoned tobacco, and of better quality than for some time past. Low grades have largely predominated in the sales. These and more buyers than formerly, and, apparently, are taken for speculative account largely, or rather for investment, as the large quantities of crop and few open markets for low grades do not promise a quick turnover. All classes of good to fine brights of both domestic and foreign origin are quite as high as they were at any time last season. The roads are in good condition, and the weather is favorable for hauling, and receipts are looked for next week.

Petersburg Tobacco Market. PETERSBURG, Va., November 28.—The bright tobacco market was very active all the week, with strong demand for all grades. Sales of best quality were freely made at from \$25 to \$35 per 100 pounds. The sales of bright for the week were 55,614 pounds, and for the season to date the sales have totaled 2,333,333 pounds. From now on to Christmas the offerings are expected to increase.

Chase City Tobacco Report. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHASE CITY, Va., November 28.—Increased prices and larger sales marked the opening week of November for the local market. Tobacco is selling more satisfactorily than at any time this season. Last week's sales were the largest for the season, about 350,000 pounds being marketed. This week's show a slight increase in amount, as well as in average price. With a good day next Monday, it is thought November's sales will be about 1,250,000 pounds.

Rocky Mount Market. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., November 28.—Sales adjourned on Thursday and Friday of the past week on account of the three days amount to about 700,000 pounds. The offerings as a rule have been better, there being a larger percent of the better grades, including wagers and bright export leaf, and a smaller proportion of very common tobacco. Competition has been good, and prices well maintained on all grades of desirable tobacco, at an average for the week being higher than any week this season.

Lynchburg Market. LYNCHBURG, Va., November 28.—The leaf tobacco sales on this market for this week, while somewhat larger than last week, continue light for the season, as compared with former years. There is largely due to the lack of a season for stripping and handling tobacco, and with a rain to bring it in order. There is a decidedly better feeling on the market, and prices for nearly all grades are better, particularly good and fine, which show decided improvement.

Report of Blackstone Market. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLACKSTONE, Va., November 28.—Sales for the week amounted to 11,665 pounds; dark, 54,970 pounds; bright, 25,933 pounds. Total sales for the season, 388,000 pounds. Bright sales to date, 25,933 pounds, 33,000 pounds. The bright tobacco has moved slowly in this section, but the farmers have not been prepared to handle it, as this is a new territory for bright tobacco, and they are building their ordering houses for handling. Good sales from now until the Christmas holidays are anticipated. The quality of the dark crop is much better than expected, and prices satisfactory, except on the better grades. This is one of the best crops for export trade that has been raised for several years. The bright tobacco is very active where the coast line goes, and now has a well-established market for this type of tobacco, and all who have sold here have been very pleased with the price. Sales are increasing daily.

Views and Near Views: Hints and Suggestions (Continued From Second Page.) most at the prevailing high price, they will have to buy with nothing to buy with. This will be a lesson that we need-

ed to learn long ago, and a very costly one now. The calamity howl that has gone up from the South has attracted the attention of the whole world, and has met with scant sympathy from most quarters, which it, in a measure, deserves.

"With our climate we can raise all the crops grown in the Temperate Zone, our forest and mines yielding untold wealth, but poorly developed; with waterpower unsurpassed, we should be able to make our own clothes no matter what is going on in Europe, we should have more nerve and backbone than to give up for a temporary setback, should have backbone stronger than cotton threads and not so brittle as cheap tobacco.

"We should be men and not a set of calamity howlers, because we cannot sell tobacco and cotton in Europe because it is made and raised for market conditions are improving, and, with the lesson just learned through suffering temporary loss by conditions existing in Europe, it should result in lasting benefit to our country.

Down in Gloucester. An enthusiastic citizen of Gloucester County writes to the Industrial Editor: "Don't you come down in Gloucester County and look at some of the great things that are being done down here in what we Gloucesterites think is God's own country? I am well from Richmond. Gloucester has been cut off from Richmond, in a way, and we have to pay tribute to Baltimore, because we have no boats going to Richmond. We are still loyal to the capital city of our dear old Commonwealth, and we only ask that Richmond shall meet us half way. I hear that there is being built a railway line that in time will bring us in closer touch with Richmond. We grant it. We would like to pay tribute to dear old Richmond. Give us half a chance and we will be with you."

The Return of Prosperity. Marked improvement in business is predicted by Roger W. Babson, one of the foremost economists of this country and head of the Babson Statistical Bureau, in a report on the business situation turned in favor of lower money rates, more construction, better sales, and that this will soon result in general demand for labor. Mr. Babson gives five reasons for this optimism. He says are substantiated by statistics on fundamental conditions. He explains that he does not expect a return of full prosperity until there is some definite sign of peace, which, he insists, will come about through mediation and not through fighting the war to a finish. Between now and then, however, he expects a slow but constant improvement rather than a continued decline, such as has been witnessed the last few months.

"The banks are 'sunny-day' friends. The farmer with his sock full of cash is the everyday friend." So talked a man in Brunswick County to the industrial editor, maybe so. Bankers may well think of this.

The peanut raisers down in Sussex County are not at all disturbed about the cotton-tobacco panic, as called by the cotton editors. They are selling peanuts at all right, and Waverly, the real capital of Sussex County, is booming right along.

FACTS FROM AFRICA. "There are no pessimists in this little town, and don't forget that." So spoke a wide-awake citizen of the new and happy town of Alberta to a representative of the Times-Dispatch the other day. No wonder that the little town has no pessimists. The town (less than two years old) has a first-class hotel, a bank, a great big hardware store, many good stores and, they say, not less than forty houses are being built for immediate occupancy. Alberta is a good town indeed. It is here the great Virginian Railway line crosses the Seaboard line in Brunswick County. Watch Alberta grow.

Thoughts of a More or Less Industrial Character From all the Earth. The average length of life in England is forty-four years. Labor exchanges, on a municipal basis, are to be erected in Denmark. James Monroe, of Los Angeles, says small wages cause most divorces. Greece has a labor federation composed of workers in various industries. Motor equipment has completely replaced horse-drawn in the Manila fire department. London last year imported \$32,114,000 worth of frozen meat and lamb, mainly from Australia. Japan's government forests last year yielded \$5,500,000 in revenue and consumed \$2,327,000 in expenses. The letter carriers in Portugal save themselves much walking money by delivering letters at church. To enable visitors to get a closer view of the whirlpool of Niagara Falls, a passenger-carrying cable will be built across the river. A steamship wreck in Scotland was traced to the battery in a sailor's pocket electric lamp, which was said to have been dropped by the vessel.

CANAL DOING BUSINESS. Largest Ships Come From California Loaded With Supplies For Suffering Europe. The largest single item of cargo passing through the Panama Canal so far has been shipped by the train from Europe. From the Pacific ports of this country, in the two months and ten days ending November 28, seventeen eastbound vessels passed through the canal carrying a total of 122,254 tons of cargo, consisting of 49,328 tons of wheat, counting thirty-seven bushels of wheat and forty-one bushels of barley to the ton; 1,555,052 bushels of wheat and 1,354,572 bushels of barley, total of 5,170,834 bushels of grain. The next largest item of cargo carried through the canal was nitrate, principally from Chile. It was carried in fourteen vessels and amounted to 90,127 tons. The distance the vessel in the canal from the United States ports by use of the canal instead of the Magellan route is estimated at 5,500 miles. The average speed of the vessels is rated at ten knots, the saving in time at sea per vessel was 12.5 days. On the basis of a per diem cost of operation at sea of 10 cents per net registered ton, the average saving cost of operation per vessel was \$79 per day, or \$7,107 for the twenty-three days saved. The average toll paid at \$1.20 per ton was \$4,882, making the average net saving per vessel by reason of the canal, \$2,227.

NEW KENBRIDGE BANK. Big Town of Old Lunenburg Is to Have Another Financial Layout. KENBRIDGE, Va., November 28.—Information has just leaked out that Kenbridge is to have another bank, and there is not a little rejoicing over the prospect. It is learned that the new bank will open up about the first of the new year; that it will be headed by G. W. Hunter, Honaker, Va., and associates, and that it will be backed by ample capital. The new bank will be known as the Bank of Kenbridge. One bank here now is the Bank of Lunenburg. It is said that this bank made a dividend of 22 per cent last year. No wonder new banks seek to get into such a profitable field.

IMMIGRATION TO SOUTH: BRIGHT LAND OF PROMISE

Southern Part of American Union Is Hope of the Stranded Belgians.

"There is no section or region of the North American Continent that offers greater opportunities to agriculturists at this time than the southern section of the Union. With the climate, good soil, well watered, ample supply of timber in all States, and both foreign and domestic markets readily reached by transportation facilities, conditions are ideal for cultivators of the soil."

It would be the most natural thing for the Industrial Section of the Times-Dispatch to use the above language, and hundreds of times it has used that kind, but the above paragraph is from the editorial column of the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Continuing, that paper points out that the South is the hope of the stranded Belgians. In this connection it is pointed out that on the 12th of December there is to be held in Washington a national congress, looking for the planing before the immigrants coming from Europe the advantages to them of the South, and looking to securing new settlers from the very best and most worthy of the farming classes of that continent.

The higher prices of lands throughout other sections of the Union, as compared with those to be obtained in the South, should be a most powerful influence in turning to the South this immigration from all quarters of the European continent. From Maryland's northern boundary to Key West and the Rio Grande fortune awaits the industrious cultivator of the soil and the opportunities offered in that region to acquire lands at comparatively low prices, assure those who shall occupy and work them of financial independence in a very few years.

No arrangements of a more practical nature can be made for Belgian farmers and their families to the low priced lands of the Southern States and if the Southern congress at its meeting will but consider the advantages such a transfer would be both to the refugees and to the States which would receive them as settlers possibly such a movement could be inaugurated. It is an opportune time now for the Southern States to become active in organization looking to the attraction of immigrants to their domains.

The nation needs the South needs more farmers than it now has, much greater populations can be readily maintained upon the rich and fertile lands between the Ohio and the Gulf, and after the European war closes and the men over there are released from the ranks, there will be an exodus of immense proportions from the Continental countries.

We trust that this Southern congress will result in a complete organization, so that the millions of immigrants who may be expected after the close of hostilities will find in the South a secure as cultivators of the lands of the Southern States. It is there that immigrants can do far more for themselves, far more for the United States, than as seekers of employment in the cities and industrial districts of the East, the North or the West.

Here indeed is an opportunity that Virginia and North Carolina, above all other Southern States, should improve.

SQUADRON OF DRAGOONS IN THRILLING EXPLOIT

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The French losses had been great, the courageous commanding officer wanted to engage the automobile in the centre of the group from which the German commander had been issued, and which seemed to be occupied by the German commander. While the reserve platoon was drawing back with the comparative safety of men remaining in it, the French lieutenant, followed by only three cavaliers, made his way up to this automobile, and found himself facing a face with two men, one of whom was an officer. The officer, receiving his assailants, immediately opened fire on the group of four men with an automatic pistol. The three cavaliers fell. The lieutenant, having a bullet through the arm, but not before he had been able to discharge his revolver at a distance of his adversary, who sent to the ground.

"The German who was in the automobile with this officer succeeded in landing on the French lieutenant heavily with the butt end of a musket, and the blow sent him spinning into the gutter of the roadway. Here he lay semiconscious for a few moments, but, recovering himself, and with the assistance of another wounded man, the lieutenant succeeded in dragging himself to the shelter of a field of beets."

DRAINAGE ASSOCIATION.

North Carolina Is Well Up in a Good Line of Business. RALEIGH, N. C., November 28.—The North Carolina Drainage Association at its annual session last week at Wilson, North Carolina, elected Lawrence Pratt, of Wilson, president; P. H. Johnson, of Fayetteville, secretary; Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, secretary and treasurer, and the following county vice-presidents: E. A. Barrett, Bertie; Francis D. Winston, Bladen; O. L. Brunswick, Jackson; Johnson, Cabarrus; Lee Cronin, Currituck; W. S. Priory, Columbus; Joseph A. Brown, Cumberland; W. A. Beard, Cleveland; C. F. Hambrick, Gates; A. T. Godwin, Guilford; M. W. Thompson, Halifax; John L. Patterson, Harnett; A. J. Dunn, Hertford; R. C. Brantley, Johnston; E. S. Millaps, Jones; J. H. Zell, Lincoln; W. A. Graham, Mecklenburg; W. S. Pharr, New Hanover; B. F. Keefe, Onslow; M. Keonoe, Hyde; Greeley Brim, Pitt; Alston Grimes, Grimesland; Pender; J. B. Sellars, Rockingham; R. P. Richardson, Rowan; C. M. Miller, Washington; W. E. Mills, Wayne; W. W. Pierce, Greene; D. W. Patton.

TIME FOR BIG BUSINESS IN AMERICAN GRAIN LAND

Indications Point to Fact That West and South Must Feed the World.

WASHINGTON, November 28.—The latest reports from Argentina and India are not favorable for the season's crops of grain. The wheat in India is said to be suffering from drought, while in Argentina wheat, oats and corn are stated to be in poorer conditions than in other seasons. The war disturbance in Egypt and in South Africa will undoubtedly cause a shrinkage in the grain production of those countries, and all this emphasizes the importance of the agriculturists of the United States in providing for the food of the world, for the immense demand that is certain to come upon them for grain next year.

Reports agree that the largest area ever sowed in winter wheat in this country has been sowed this fall, and this indicates that the farmers have due appreciation of the necessity of providing for the food of the world in the years to come, and that with all other grains the same efforts to raise large crops will be taken.

The corn crop of the West and the South next year should be doubled, and it can be doubled with great profit to those who have the lands to cultivate.

The high prices of hog products make this corn crop a great source of profit to the producers of the grain, and there is not possible a surplus of corn that cannot be converted into cash through the feeding of these animals.

All the food products of the farms of this country can be largely increased without fear of reductions in prices to the producers, and it does seem probable that such products are in the future years to bring even still larger prices than they do now.

Our comparatively small population increases in a far greater percentage than that of the rural districts; the world's call upon our farm products becomes larger in volume and more insistent with each passing year.

It is but logical, therefore, to expect the net return per acre of our farm lands to exhibit a greater profit to our farmers in the future years, and the lands, by reason of such profit, to advance correspondingly in price per acre when sales are made.

Like other real estate, the farm lands will be valued higher by reason of the higher or greater revenue obtainable from them.

The food-producing lands of the United States can now be classed as gilt-edged propositions.

GOODLY BALANCE.

Scarc Is Over, and We Are Selling More Than We Are Buying.

WASHINGTON, November 28.—The official analysis of the foreign trade of the United States for October, just published by the Department of Commerce, shows the total exports at \$16,401,531, against total imports of \$13,850,000, a balance in favor of the United States for the month of \$2,551,531. The total balance in favor of the United States was maintained despite a fall of nearly \$100,000,000 in the value of the goods imported, as compared with October last year, and despite a fall of nearly \$100,000,000 in the value of the goods exported, as compared with October last year. For the ten months of the year the balance stands at more than \$14,000,000, although the falling in export values as compared against the first ten months of 1914 is 2 per cent less.

FOWLS NOT AFFECTED.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease Quarantines Do Not Interfere With Poultry Markets. WASHINGTON, November 28.—The rise in price of poultry of all kinds which is reported to have taken place in various States cannot, in the opinion of experts in the Department of Agriculture, be in any way attributed to the existence of foot-and-mouth disease. This disease does not affect poultry at all, and the Federal quarantines of various States—fourteen in all—now

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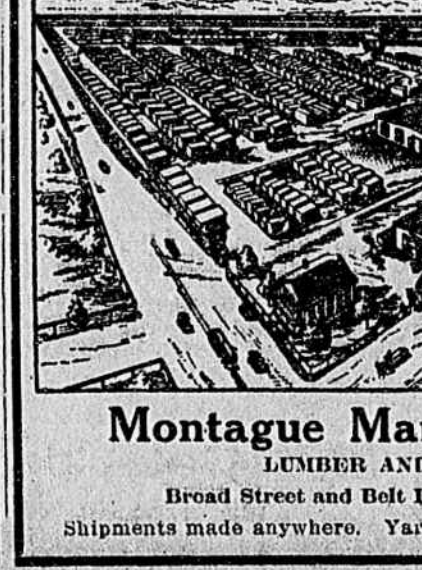
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lay no embargo upon shipments of poultry. It is true that when a case of foot-and-mouth disease is found upon a farm that farm is absolutely quarantined by the State or local authorities. The produce of any sort can leave it, the owner is not even permitted to drive his horses on the public highway, and in some cases his children are not allowed to go to school until the exposed stock have been gone away with and the entire premises thoroughly disinfected. Since the disease, moreover, is readily communicated from farm to farm by cats, dogs, poultry, and human beings, the local authorities exercise their own discretion in placing upon shipments of produce from the area in the immediate vicinity of the infected farm. These areas are so limited in extent, however, that the amount of poultry that may thus be prevented from reaching the market is an insignificant percentage of the total supply. Poultry from the quarantined areas can be moved freely without the least danger of spreading the disease or of injuring the health of the consumer.

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